

BRIEF NEWS OF RURAL OREGON

Fire destroyed the Dufur Lumber company box factory and warehouse at Dufur.

A move has been started in Coos county with a view of installing a visiting nurse system.

An officers' training camp for all county and state Christian Endeavor officers of Oregon is being held at Turner.

One million pounds of Bartlett pears will probably be the record established this year for the Wallace orchard in Polk county.

The Fargo Orchards company, owning several hundred acres four miles from Aurora, will harvest 10,000 boxes of apples this fall.

Out of a total of more than 500 men called to the colors from the number registered in Umatilla county, but six men have failed to answer their calls.

Cranberry picking begins in the district adjacent to Astoria about the first of September. Pickers will be paid 25 cents per peck by growers, this being the price determined by the various associations.

Secretary of State Olcott has received from former governor Oswald West the latter's acceptance of the prohibition nomination for the United States senate.

Since the Emergency Fleet corporation's shipbuilding program was started, the Columbia river district has launched 193 ships, with a total tonnage of 461,200.

All records for peach packing were broken by Miss Pearl Taylor, a 19-year-old high school girl of The Dalles, who packed 151 boxes on a short hour shift. The high record so far as known has been 147 boxes.

Governor Withycombe has appointed General Charles F. Heebe, of Portland, as acting adjutant general of Oregon, to succeed Lieutenant Colonel John M. Williams, who has resigned to accept a commission as major in the regular army.

Mrs. Olive E. Osborn, of Medford, and Dr. George T. Parrish, of Portland, were appointed by Governor Withycombe as delegates to attend the annual meeting of the American Hospital association at Atlantic City, September 24-28.

There is a decided scarcity of teachers for the rural schools of Polk county and County Superintendent Fred S. Crowley states that unless relief is in sight soon some of the smaller districts will be unable to resume school this fall.

The Oregon hens entered in the international egg-laying contest at Storrs, Conn., by the Oregon Agricultural college are now 91 eggs ahead of their nearest rivals, having been awarded blue ribbons for both June and July.

With the filing of a \$100,000 bond with the desert land board by the Jordan Valley Land & Water company, all is clear for immediate progress to begin on the lower uplift of 38,000 acres in the Jordan valley irrigation project of Malheur county.

Of 26 members of the first and second summer military training camps at the University of Oregon who were examined for admission to the central artillery training school at Camp Zachary Taylor, near Louisville, Ky., almost all passed with exceptional credit.

Superintendent Churchill is sending out copies of the synopsis of the course of study for Oregon high schools for the year 1918-19, covering all schools outside of Portland. One amendment has been made to the rulings covering credits for the next school year.

Early estimates of \$50,000 for the evergreen blackberry crop in Lane county will be eclipsed as the result of the recent heavy rainfall, in the opinion of buyers, who are offering 6 cents a pound for the product. The picking season has just begun and will cover a period of several weeks.

The public service commission has been notified that the interstate commerce commission will grant a supplementary hearing on diversion and reconignment rules affecting shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables, the hearing to be conducted by Clyde B. Aitchison in Portland, September 23.

His accounts short anywhere from \$500 to \$3000, according to city officials, Claude W. DeVore, city recorder of Estacada, has disappeared, and a complaint charging him with misappropriation of city funds has been filed in the Clackamas county courts at Oregon City. DeVore is believed to have gone to Berkeley, Cal.

A sort of referendum on the question of adding to the forest reserve the southern tier of townships in Jackson county is desired by Representative Hawley, who has introduced a bill providing that the lands shall be added. The area comprises about 100,000 acres, practically all of it steep and rough, and suitable only for grazing.

A total tax roll of \$16,825,367, exclusive of the public service utilities, in Klamath county was announced by Assessor J. P. Lee on completing his rolls.

Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, secretary of the board of child labor inspectors,

has advised Secretary of State Olcott that the appropriation for that board has been exhausted.

The monthly payroll of the shipbuilding industry in Oregon has increased nearly fifteen-fold in the past 20 months, according to figures recently compiled by the statistical bureau of Portland's chamber of commerce. Whereas \$302,400 was dealt out in December, 1916, reports show that \$4,471,200 was paid to employees last month.

State Highway Engineer Nunn has announced that the state has taken over completion of the Comstock-Leona section of the Pacific highway in Douglas county because of financial difficulties experienced by Hall & Bolen, contractors. The stretch covers about four miles, grading and macadam, and the estimate of cost is about \$85,000.

Numerous complaints are being received at the offices of the Fish and Game commission regarding pheasant hunting out of season. Reports of such violations are coming from various sections and as a result State Game Warden Shoemaker has instructed his deputies throughout the state to enforce a rigid patrol and punish all offenders.

Crook and Deschutes county farmers and stockmen have placed an order for four cars of sulphur consisting of 126,000 pounds, through R. A. Ward, county agricultural agent. The extensive use of sulphur follows field demonstrations based on experiments conducted by the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station, largely at the southern Oregon branch.

Lumber operators and workmen composing the central council of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and representing lumber interests in Oregon, Washington and Idaho adopted resolutions at Portland thanking Colonel Bruce P. Disque, head of the spruce production division, for his services and pledging themselves to support him "to the limit."

Slightly more than 500,000 cases, valued at \$4,600,000, is the total pack of salmon on the Columbia river for the spring season of 1918, which closed Saturday at 6 o'clock. The total is equal to that of the average for the last several seasons, in spite of unfavorable early indications. The cold storage product, mostly pickled salmon, fell 50 per cent below normal.

During the week ending August 22 a total of 573 accidents was reported to the industrial accident commission and six of them were fatal. The fatal cases are P. V. Solberg, Multnomah, sawmill; Charlie Pellette, Portland, shipbuilding; Harvey Vincent, Klamath Falls, lineman; Marten Saloski, Powers, logging; H. W. Stoddard, Astoria, shipbuilding; W. H. Bryant, Corvallis, lumbering.

LeRoy Childs, superintendent of the Hood River experiment station, is advising Oregon apple growers to apply a spray of arsenate of lead late this week or the first of next for control of codling moth. Mr. Childs says that the recent cool weather has retarded the development of moths to such an extent that they will emerge and become active in large numbers when warm weather returns.

Excessive freight rates are causing Portland to be deprived of a prolific source of fuel in screenings from the Coos bay district, and a reasonable rate, probably about 75 per cent lower than that granted to Utah fields, would bring such fuel into Portland from Coos bay, according to a letter sent to General Freight Agent Hinshaw, of the Southern Pacific, by Public Service Commissioner Buchtel.

Lumber mills of western Washington and western Oregon, by a successful speeding-up program, for the second consecutive week have cut more than their normal capacity. Actual production for the past week was 80,899,245 feet, an excess of 999,245 feet, or 1.25 per cent, over the normal production of 79,900,000 feet at the 128 mills contributing to the reports of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Charges lodged with Governor Withycombe by Dr. William M. Campbell, of Portland, against Major Richard Deleh, head of the military police, have been forwarded by the executive to Adjutant-General Williams with instructions to have them presented to the general staff for consideration. It is charged that Mr. Deleh used language unbecoming an officer when Dr. Campbell visited his office and difficulties arose over certain claims which were presented by Dr. Campbell.

The state tax commission has voted to initiate for the election ballot in November a bill providing that the tax levy for 1919 include \$940,000 in excess of constitutional limitations, which will amount to an assessment of about 1 mill. The special amount provided by the measure, if it is passed by the people, will be used to meet necessary expenditures of state departments for a year's time that could not be met under the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment to the state constitution.

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Each Allied nation—in the matter of sugar consumption—is sharing on nearest possible equal terms the hardships imposed by greatly altered conditions in the world sugar situation.

Formerly classed as a luxury, sugar is now a war time essential. The fair and just division of this essential is in the hands of the various Allied food controllers.

The United States Food Administration has asked this nation to observe a voluntary sugar ration of two pounds per person a month.

In the other countries at war with Germany sugar is one of the scarce articles on every menu—whether in the households of both rich and poor, or in the hotels.

England today has a sugar ration of two pounds per month per person. In France the ration is a pound and a half and in Italy it is one pound a month. And the prices in allied countries are from two to three times as high as in America.

If you go to a hotel in England or France these days and order tea or coffee they serve absolutely no sugar with it. If you want sugar you must bring it with you.

In England it is allowable to use one-seventh of an ounce of sugar in the preparation of each luncheon. In France many persons carry little saccharine tablets about with them for use in hotels and in England rich and poor must take their sugar with them if they wish to have sweetened tea while visiting friends.

Before the war started France had 625,000 acres devoted to sugar production. By 1917 the French sugar acreage had decreased to 180,000 acres. Today the French man or woman with a sugar card has no assurance whatever that he or she will be able to actually buy sugar. To buy it, one must first find it.

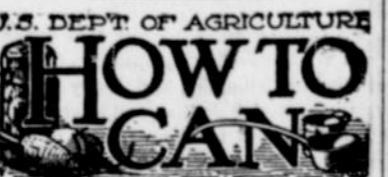
Italy has "State Sugar." Especially drastic regulations govern the use of sugar in Italy. Its manufacture, distribution and sale are closely controlled, and in part actually taken over by the state.

Saccharine is permitted to be sold and used as a substitute for sugar and the government manufactures a mixture of saccharine and sugar called "State Sugar," which is largely used.

German Sugar Ration Adequate. Germany, before the war, produced a great surplus of sugar and exported large quantities. Today the Germans have virtually gone out of the export business, but have plenty of cheap sugar for home use.

Wholesale prices prevalent in the Allied nations, according to information received by the United States Food Administration are as follows: England, 10 cents a pound; France, 12 cents; Italy, 26 cents.

While these high prices are being paid abroad the American wholesale price is being held at 7 1/2 cents.



CONCENTRATED VEGETABLE SOUP

Any desired mixture of vegetables may be canned for home use. A good combination consists of one quart concentrated tomato pulp, one pint corn or tiny lima beans, one pint okra, four teaspoonfuls salt and sugar seasoning, one small onion chopped, and half cupful of chopped sweet red pepper. Cook the tomatoes, pepper and onion; put through a sieve to remove seeds and skins. Return strained pulp to kettle and cook down to about the consistency of ketchup. Measure, add the corn or beans and okra, which have been prepared as for canning, add seasoning, and cook all together for ten minutes. Pack hot into previously boiled jars. Partially seal jars.

Processing with steam under pressure is recommended. Process quart jars 30 minutes under pressure of ten pounds. Seal immediately, cool in a draft-free place, and when cold test for leaks. Store in a cool, dark, dry place.

If the intermittent boiling process is used, boil for one hour on each of three successive days. Before each subsequent boiling the covers must be loosened, and after each boiling the covers must be securely tightened again to make sealing complete. Cool, test for leaks, and store.

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Nowadays grocers are fined for selling storage eggs as the strictly fresh kind, and yet nobody shouts the advent of the millennium.

We have often quoted that old verse, "Gather your roses while ye may," and we can well now change it to "gather your vegetables," for by so doing we can accomplish great good.

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The 52nd Encampment of the G. A. R., W. R. C., and other organizations are past history. Your correspondent had the honor of registering the ladies from her home state, Illinois. It was one of the—if not the—largest contingents present, and had the most men in the parade. I was proud of the honor conferred upon me by the Illinois Veteran association, who made me assistant secretary. I found five Illinois men who personally knew my father of the 129th Illinois regiment. Three who knew my brother of the 19th, and a cousin whom I never saw before, but who knew of all my family and gave me lots of news of relatives in Michigan.

Men of the different departments met in Portland, who had not met in many years.

One instance was especially noticeable. Captain Hardy, just recently from Japan, met a shipmate for the first time in 50 years. They clasped hands and tried to talk with the tears streaming down their faces, too overcome to say anything. Finally they began to smile and got away from the crowd and just visited, and where you saw one, there you would find the other, and, oh, how happy they were spinning those sea stories, of what had happened in the meantime. Captain Hardy is a jolly man. He tells a story well, is interesting wherever he is, and always has an audience. He marched in the parade the whole way. He also recited for our benefit several poems of his own. He has a remarkable memory.

There were many reunions of people who had not met for 45 or 50 years. Your correspondent found an old schoolmate. We had not met for almost 50 years, but we visited every spare minute. He belonged to the 112th regiment. His wife was also a schoolmate. He was accompanied by his daughter. I understand that at Columbus they will vote to come to Portland in 1920, at

least that seemed to be the verdict of the majority of the veterans. They assured every one they had received more courteous treatment in Portland than anywhere they had ever been. The only criticism I heard was about the 6-cent carfare. The climate delighted them all—the cool nights to sleep, the moderately warm days, the Oaks, the Highway, and everything delighted them, and the way they were received everywhere was a source of satisfaction to them all. Needless to say your correspondent enjoyed every blessed minute the time, being one of the "girls of '61."

Mrs. Sadie Smith has returned to Portland, and occupies her home on Forty-sixth avenue, southeast. She is recently from the state of Washington. Mrs. Smith is a sister to Mrs. William Woodham of Kern Park.

Mrs. E. J. Whitmarsh, of Chehalis, Wash., Mrs. John Lynch and daughter of Montesano, Wash., delegate to W. R. C., convention, sisters of Mrs. Wm. Woodham, spent the week in attendance at the G. A. R. convention. They together with Mrs. Smith spent the evening with Mrs. Hattie Belden Saturday.

What has become of the old-fashioned individual who used to say that the war was 3,000 miles away?

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